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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Information Disclosure

Statement in the above-identified application. This Statement is submitted:

- [X] within three months of the application filing date;
- [] more than three months from the application filing date but before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, submission of this Statement requires no fee. However, if for any reason a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

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These references are also listed on the attached (in duplicate) Form PTO-1449, and copies of them are enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above-listed document be fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application.

Applicants request that a copy of Form PTO-1449, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date. Pursuant to

37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all fees required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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